



center was experiencing serious roof damage, causing structural and safety concerns. The Colfax County Senior Program requested and received a loan of \$19.4 from the Board of Finance in order to rent space for the current fiscal year. The appropriation of \$50.0 in this bill is needed for FY04. AOA states that it does not have contingency funding for this type of emergency.

Efforts are underway to construct a new senior center using general obligation bond funds. Construction should start by mid-summer 2003, with completion scheduled for early 2004.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$50.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 04 shall revert to the general fund.

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

The bill duplicates House Bill 519.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

AOA points out that the senior program in Cimarron is one of many throughout the state serving meals, providing transportation and other services, which constitute AOA's statewide performance measures. AOA believes it is important to provide these services in a safe location.

### **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. Should this bill be amended so the appropriation is directed to the Agency on Aging?
2. Has the loan from the Board of Finance been repaid?

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